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Occupy camp sees fractures

Man removed from park after allegedly throwing hot bowl of chili at occupier's face

In St. James Park, the people's microphone, or the conventional one, is open to all who wish to speak their mind.

But for the Occupy Toronto movement, on the eve of eviction should a judge side with the city this morning, the struggle for legitimacy and a clear message in the political arena was being lost in the muddle of voices.

At 9 a.m. today, protesters will find out if Justice David Brown rules city officials have the authority to evict protesters' tents from the park and impose an evening curfew.

What has been decided is that some people are willing to stay and resist arrest and some are not.

Occupiers called a news conference yesterday to present media with new information about a land-transfer document they hope will allow the church to provide sanctuary in the event of eviction.

"The process structure here in Toronto does not allow for action to occur."
BRYAN BATTY, OCCUPY PROTESTER

Mid-announcement, fringe mayoral candidate Kevin Clarke, wearing a tattered red bath robe over a pinstriped suit, hijacked the stand of microphones on the lawn in front of the cathedral to voice his own concerns.

Further disruption came when an announcement was made that fireworks were found last week inside the tent of a man occupiers called "violent." The fireworks were handed over to police.

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Mrs. Claus

▶ New this year to the 107th Santa Claus Parade was the addition of Mrs. Claus, who waved enthusiastically from her float, which rolled along the streets just before the main attraction, Santa.

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Santa and the missus float along Bloor Street

Thousands of Santa fans of all ages took over downtown streets yesterday for the parade, with crowds up to eight deep lining Bloor Street as the first bands and floats pulled out of Christie Pits at 12:30 p.m. to make the slow march along the six-kilometre route. There were 60 floats in the parade this year, with 22 bands rounding out the event.

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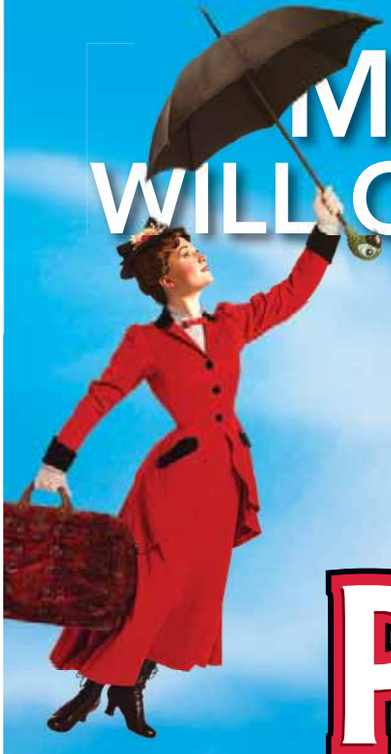

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Shedding light on life in N. Korea

Asylum seekers band together in Toronto to share their stories

Ha Tae could not wait to share his story and the many like it behind the iron curtain that still separates North Korea from the rest of the world.

Stories of eating grass congee — a bit of porridge filled out with grass and tree bark — to survive, of losing loved ones to disease and famine, sex-trade trafficking of women, and constant surveillance by government informants.

Tomorrow, such stories will be told in a rare exhibit of photographs and videos taken inside the Communist regime, to be shown by a group of North Koreans who are seeking political asylum in Toronto.

"We want to show people the reality of how we live in North Korea, so they understand us," said Ha, 46, who arrived here via China in May after paying an "agent" $20,000 to get him out.

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▶ A child resting on a railroad track is part of a North-Korean exhibit in Toronto.

The exhibit is the first event organized by the 100-member North Koreans in Canada Association, a grassroots group formed this summer to offer self-support to an emerging community. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Life's. A beach

▶ Greater Fort Lauderdale came to Toronto yesterday with an interactive one-day event promoting the Defrost Your Swimsuit campaign.

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Creating a tropical oasis in Toronto

Organizers for the Defrost Your Swimsuit campaign turned Yonge-Dundas Square into a tropical oasis, including a beach-on-wheels mobile, replete with bikini-clad models and imported Fort Lauderdale sand to help build the tropical atmosphere. Ten ice blocks encasing brightly coloured bikinis and swim trunks stopped traffic, and gave pedestrians a unique photo opportunity.

Man guilty of setting friend on fire

A jury has convicted a man of pouring gasoline over his friend and setting him on fire in Toronto.

Michael Hall, 35, was found guilty of second-degree murder yesterday by a jury of five women and seven men after five days of deliberations.

"I'm shocked," said defence lawyer Tom Dungey, after the verdict. "I thought it was a manslaughter."

"It doesn't make any sense that I would do this to my best friend."
MICHAEL HALL

Dungey and co-counsel Robb MacDonald argued that Hall was too drunk to form the intent for murder.

Crown prosecutors Anna Trbovich and Michael Townsend alleged that Hall deliberately killed his friend Robert George Brown as they sat drinking.

Hall will get an automatic life sentence. It is up to Justice Todd Archibald as to how many years he must spend in prison — between a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 25, before he can apply for parole.

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News in brief

Police officer faces charges

WEAPONS. A York region police officer has been charged with sexual assault and weapons offences.

Const. Brent Rouillard, 38, was arrested by Toronto police on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two men in hospital after shooting

LATE NIGHT. Two men are in hospital following a late-night shooting in Toronto that left a car riddled with bullet holes.

Police say it happened around 11:30 p.m. Saturday on Ayr Crescent near Islington Avenue and Finch Avenue West.

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School ball ban is fun fodder for U.S.

- Saturday Night Live, Rush Limbaugh weigh in
- Over 100 kids signed petition to demand balls back

The controversial move by a Toronto public school to ban balls from its playground even has Americans shaking their heads — and wagging their tongues.

On the latest episode of Saturday Night Live, cast member Seth Meyers dropped Earl Beatty Public School into his Weekend Update, a roundup of wacky news items from around the world.

"A school in Canada has banned all game balls including soccer balls and baseballs because the principal thinks they're causing too many injuries," Meyers said.

"The safety-minded principal also asked that the custodian install a hinge in the see-saw," he said, pausing for effect as the studio audience chuckled.

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"This is how you wimpify kids. This is how you turn 'em into a bunch of wusses. Can you believe this?"
TALK SHOW HOST RUSH LIMBAUGH

Pundit and radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh also said on Friday the ball ban would turn schoolchildren into "wusses."

The principal at the east-end public school sent a letter home last Monday, stating students could no longer bring hard balls onto school property, citing some "serious incidents" in which students, parents and teachers were hit or nearly hit by flying balls.

One parent suffered a concussion after being struck by a soccer ball, the letter said. A Toronto District School Board spokesperson told the Toronto Star the ban was temporary and the school is monitoring the situation.

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Doggie. Emperor

▶ A pug dressed as Napoleon competes in the Best Costume contest yesterday at Winter Woofstock, North America's largest indoor dog festival.

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Dogs on parade at Winter Woofstock

Merry mutts, all dressed to the canines, vied for the spotlight at Winter Woofstock throughout the weekend. Impresario Mark Breslin, the founder of the Yuk Yuk's stand-up comedy clubs chain, hosted the contests.

$966M

The U of T campaign is already at nearly half its goal, with $966 million already secured.

A 'boundless' campaign

The University of Toronto kicked off a record-setting, $2-billion fundraising campaign last night, dubbed Boundless for the possibilities the program brings in terms of developing knowledge, attracting academic talent and research funding. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A $50-million pot for two lotto-winning cooks

Imagine this: You've just won $50 million, have been hounded by reporters and curious neighbours and 24 hours later, you finally manage to sneak out of your apartment.

Where would you go?

Probably the nearest mall, or a car dealership. Or to a realtor.

Not Linda and Don Ingram, winners of Friday's $50-million Lotto Max jackpot. They walked to Wally's World, the old-fashioned diner in Oshawa where they have worked for as cooks for 15 years, settled into a booth and, between gigantic hugs from co-workers, ordered pop.

"Where else would we go ... this is where all our friends are," said Linda, as her husband Don nodded from across the booth.

"But we are not working today," said Linda cheekily. "We are still recovering from the flu."

That's the kind of people the Ingrams are, said Wally Elawar, owner of the diner near Simcoe St. N. and Beatrice St. E.

"I've known them for years and years and nobody deserves this more than these two," said Elawar. "They are simple, down-to-earth and good people."

All the Ingrams know right now is they want their son and daughter and three grandkids to be happy and a nice house for themselves.

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▶ A server has a chat with Don and Linda Ingram at a booth at Wally's World, the Oshawa diner where they've both worked as cooks for the last 15 years.

Routine

- Every week for the past 10 years, Linda has purchased lottery tickets from the same convenience store near her apartment.
- On Thursday, she bought four Lotto Max tickets. On Saturday, still recovering from a flu, she went to the store to see if she'd won anything.
- She and Don have only won free tickets in the past.

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Gamers pitching tents in the city

Annual camp expected to attract 2,000 people to Toronto Focus on contributions of gaming industry

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▶ The Gamercamp audience wearing 3D glasses for a game demo called Depths To Which I Sink at last year's conference.

Recently, people playing a video game called FoldIt discovered information about HIV that's already helping researchers develop new drugs. Seth Cooper, the lead designer of that game, is now coming to Toronto to deliver a keynote speech at the third annual Gamercamp conference.

Gamercamp, this city's largest independent games festival, is expected to attract 2,000 people this year, bringing together everyone from video game creators and hardcore gamers to those who just love board games or buy Mario adventures for their kids.

Jaime Woo, a conference organizer, says the perception of a gamer as someone who needs to "grow up" is outdated. Not only are games like FoldIt being used for social good, but video games are more mainstream than ever.

"The average age of a game player is 37," Woo says. "The average player for social games is a woman in her late-40s."

Social games like Zynga's FarmVille are an increasingly popular form of gaming, and Toronto has been reaping some of the benefits. That company, as well as gaming giant Ubisoft, have set up offices here, joining the many independent shops that have established themselves over the past few years. In total, Canada's game industry now contributes $4 billion to the economy, Woo says.

Despite being excited for Cooper's keynote speech about how games are advancing medical research, Woo emphasizes that "games don't need to have a tangible contribution to be considered necessary. Play in itself is worthwhile."

Gamercamp happens this weekend over three days. More information and tickets are available at gamercamp.ca.

Front-runner for Speaker aims to make history

Donna Cansfield is hoping to make history — and then she plans to be history.

The Etobicoke-Centre Liberal MPP is the front-runner to win this afternoon's election for Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, which would shatter a gender barrier at Queen's Park.

But Cansfield's pitch to her Grit, Progressive Conservative, and NDP colleagues isn't that she's the lone woman in the four-candidate race for a prestigious job only ever held by a man in Ontario.

"I'm not going to run another time. I'm not here for future considerations at all," said the former cabinet minister who was first elected in 2003.

By signalling she won't be a candidate in the election expected in 2015 — though with a minority government it could come sooner — Cansfield is underscoring her autonomy in refereeing the legislative assembly.

"It certainly helps people understand how firmly I believe in the impartiality of this Speaker's position, which is the most important trait I can bring to the table," she said.

While Cansfield emphasized gender doesn't matter in the contest, Tory MPP Lisa MacLeod, who is supporting her, said it cannot be ignored.

"If she were to be elected Speaker, my daughter gets to see a female face in one of the portraits and that is significant," said MacLeod, referring to the oil paintings of every Speaker that hang on the first floor of the Legislature.

▶ Donna Cansfield

"I don't want to overstate the gender issue. The big thing is she's competent. She was a very good minister."

Kevin Flynn, Dave Levac and David Zimmer are also vying for the Speaker's chair.

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Three dead in Cairo clashes

Pro-democracy activists demand election date from military rulers

Egyptian soldiers and police set protest tents on fire in the middle of Tahrir Square in Cairo in a major assault yesterday to drive out thousands demanding that the military rulers quickly transfer power to a civilian government. Three protesters were killed.

It was the second day of clashes marking a sharp escalation of tensions a week before the first elections since the ouster of longtime authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak in February. The pro-democracy protesters who led the uprising have grown increasingly angry with the ruling generals, and suspect they are trying to cling to power even after an elected parliament is seated and a new president is voted in.

The military-backed Cabinet said elections set to begin on Nov. 28 would take place on time and thanked the police for their "restraint."

Five people have been killed in the two days of violence. The clashes were some of the worst since the uprising ended on Feb. 11. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A protester gestures during clashes yesterday with Egyptian riot police, not seen, near the interior ministry in downtown Cairo.

Riot police fire tear gas, rubber bullets

"The police are targeting the head, not the legs as they normally do."
DR. ALAA MOHAMMED

About 700 protesters were treated for injuries yesterday at two field hospitals in Tahrir Square, Dr. Alaa Mohammed said. Most of them suffered breathing problems from tear gas or wounds caused by rubber bullets, he said.

A government statement said 55 protesters have been arrested since the violence began on Saturday and 85 policemen were hurt. It said some of the protesters were using firearms, firebombs and knives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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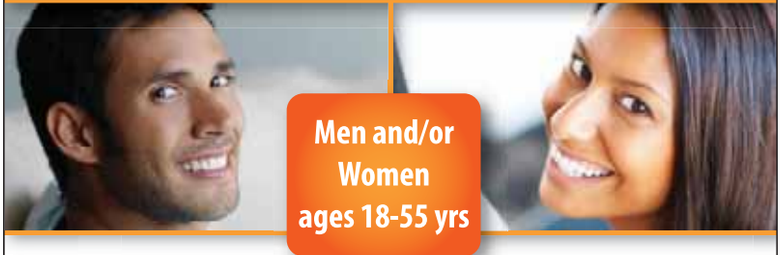

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Get a job? We have one, say occupiers

Many Edmonton participants educated, employed: Spokesperson Some balance work with holding down camp

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Occupy Edmonton wants to clear up a misconception.

Of the core group of regular campers at the site, five or six are full-time students and another five leave daily for full-time jobs, said a spokesperson.

"I am in my last year of political science and then plan to go to law school," said Mahad Mohamed, 23.

One member juggling Occupy camp duties and full-time work is Brooke B., a former Westin chef who now waits tables at night.

She's also a mom of two and hung up her chef's jacket — and its 60-hour work weeks — to raise her kids, who are aged nine and a year-and-a-half. She also pays taxes.

Brooke said she was bothered by comments posted online in response to a news story recently, saying the protesters should all get jobs.

"It's a logical fallacy," said Brooke. "But it's frustrating. ... We're here holding this ground so we can get this message to more people."

She stays full-time at the camp, with her partner and kids, since they've winterized.

"I've always felt that there were gross inadequacies in our society. This movement just resonated. It's time," said Brooke.

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▶ Brooke B. and her dog Bill warm up in an Occupy Edmonton tent between shifts.

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RCMP battle for unionization

Long forbidden from forming a union, Mounties are now asking the courts to end the ban

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▶ Retired RCMP constable Rob Creasser

In 1918, the federal cabinet passed an order-in-council calling for instant dismissal of any Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer who associated with a union.

The fear was that officers could be torn between loyalty to co-workers and obedience to senior officers and might refuse orders to put down labour unrest or replace striking police forces.

But Canada is long past the days when the labour movement fell under suspicion, argue RCMP officers who head to the Ontario Court of Appeal on Tuesday, seeking the right to unionize and engage in collective bargaining.

"We're not trying to reinvent the wheel here," said Rob Creasser, a retired RCMP constable and spokesperson for the recently-formed Mounted Police Professional Association of Canada.

"Every other police agency in Canada has what we're seeking."

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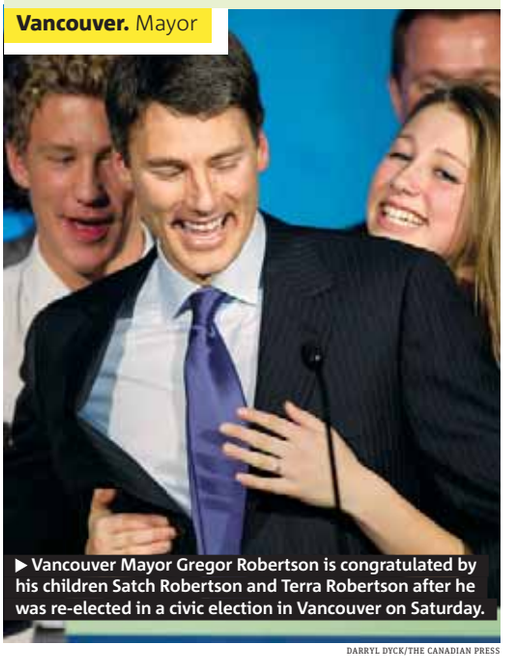
Vancouver. Mayor



▶ Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson is congratulated by his children Satch Robertson and Terra Robertson after he was re-elected in a civic election in Vancouver on Saturday.

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Robertson re-elected

Civic elections were held in communities across British Columbia Saturday. Incumbents were widely re-elected throughout the Lower Mainland region.

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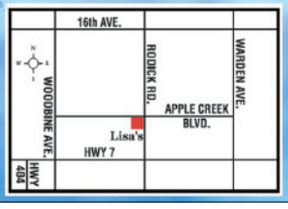

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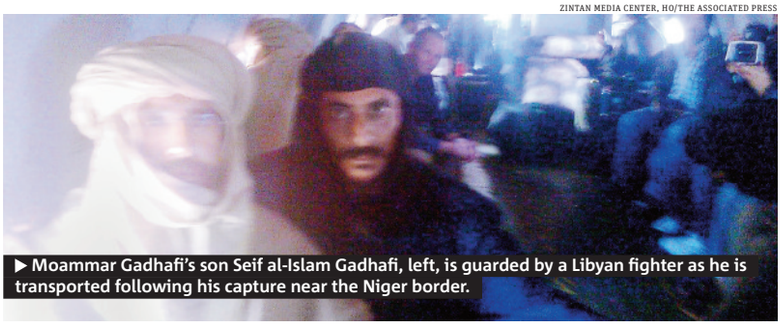

▶ Moammar Gadhafi's son Seif al-Islam Gadhafi, left, is guarded by a Libyan fighter as he is transported following his capture near the Niger border.

Gadhafi's son captured

- Leaders want Seif tried in Libya, not The Hague
- Capable court system has to be built from scratch

Libya's new leaders said yesterday they will try Moammar Gadhafi's son at home and not hand him over to the International Criminal Court where he's charged with crimes against humanity. The government also announced the capture of the toppled regime's intelligence minister, also wanted by the ICC.

In one of several emerging complications, however, the former rebel faction that captured Seif al-Islam Gadhafi is refusing to deliver him to national authorities in Tripoli, raising concern over whether he will get a proper trial and demonstrating the interim leaders' weak hold over their fractured nation.

"It is only fair for the Libyan people that he is tried here ... Seif al-Islam committed crimes against the Libyan people," said Information Minister Mahmoud Shammam. Shammam said that ex-Intelligence Minister Abdullah al-Senoussi was captured alive yesterday by revolutionary fighters from a southern region of Fazan.

The ICC indicted the two men along with Gadhafi in June for unleashing a campaign of murder and torture to suppress the uprising against the Gadhafi regime.

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Cement injected in woman's buttocks

Patient was reluctant to contact police Authorities believe other victims too embarrassed to come forward

A woman who wanted to work at a nightclub started searching for someone who could perform plastic surgery at a cheap price to give her a curvier body. Police say what she found was a woman posing as a doctor who filled her buttocks with cement, mineral oil and flat-tire sealant.

The suspect — who police say was born a man and identifies as a woman — apparently performed the surgery on herself, and investigators say she may have victimized others. Oneal Ron Morris, 30, was arrested Friday after a year on the lam and has been charged with practising medicine without a licence with serious bodily injury.

POLICE HANDOUT

Oneal Ron Morris

The victim, who is not being named due to medical privacy laws, paid $700 US for a series of injections in May 2010. She was referred to Oneal Ron Morris by a friend. Morris injected some type of tube in several sites around her bottom, pumping it full of a toxic concoction.

Police Sgt. Bill Bamford said the victim went to two South Florida hospitals due to severe abdominal pain and infected sores on her buttocks accompanied by flu-like symptoms. But she left each time, too embarrassed to tell doctors what she'd done.

Her mother eventually took her to a hospital on Florida's west coast, where alarmed doctors pressed her for information. They alerted the Department of Health.

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News in brief

Chevron takes blame for spill

BRAZIL. The head of Chevron's Brazil operations says the company is taking full responsibility for an oil spill off the South American nation's coast.

George Buck says the spill happened because Chevron underestimated the pressure of an underwater oil reservoir while drilling.

Buck says between 420 gallons and 4,200 gallons are still leaking each day.

The spill began Nov. 7. Brazilian regulators say more than 416,400 litres of oil have spilled into the Atlantic ocean off the Rio de Janeiro coast.

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Little less to cheer in stores

INFLATION. Consumers will pay more for everything from scarves to sugar cookies this holiday season as relief from high commodity costs isn't expected to trickle down to store shelves.

The latest inflation data shows Canadians are paying about three per cent more for products than they did last year, largely due to a spike in everyday expenses like groceries and gas.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. FRIDAY

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Brothers aim to bring Internet to the world

Canadian entrepreneurs say $60 tablet has 7-inch touch screen, cellular modem, USB ports, 256MB RAM

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▶ Raja Singh Tuli, chief technology officer of DataWind, displays a UbiSlate at the company's office in Montreal.

It's an ambitious plan from two Canadian brothers to bring the Internet to billions of people around the world, from remote farming communities to bustling streetside markets.

The Indian-born, Canadian-raised entrepreneurs are behind the product dubbed the world's cheapest tablet computer, scheduled to be released in India within weeks.

They say the beauty of UbiSlate, an Android-based tablet, is that users will be able to obtain quality Internet access using existing low-speed cellphone networks.

Brothers Raja Singh Tuli and Suneet Singh Tuli, who own the company DataWind, plan to retail their tablet for about $60 in India.

Tack on another $2 a month for unlimited Internet access, and the plan is that people living in even the smallest, sleepiest areas will be connected, bridging India's considerable digital divide.

That means farmers being able to access the weather forecast and India's army of small-business owners having access to eBay and email.

The company's development lab is in downtown Montreal, where about 40 engineers toil away on various products in a non-descript office with cubicles and tall piles of boxes and paperwork.

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Backstory

- The Tuli brothers came to Canada from India as youths in 1980, when their father, a civil engineer, moved them to Edmonton.
- They are both University of Toronto-educated engineers and have long been entrepreneurs, designing what was once recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest fax machine.
- Their company is behind the Indian government-subsidized version of the UbiSlate, dubbed Aakash ("Sky" in Hindi), a $35 Wi-Fi-only product intended for university students.

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▶ Comic book artist Leonard Kirk instructs students at the Toronto Cartoonist Workshop.

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"The cover of a comic book is like a single panel cartoon or a Sunday funny," says Marvel comic artist Leonard Kirk. It's Saturday afternoon, and he's standing in front of a class of students at the Toronto Cartoonists Workshop on College Street. "You need to tell everything — boom — with one image." Today, Kirk will be teaching the aspiring comic artists in attendance about cover illustration. He pauses, then tosses another descriptive simile at his rapt audience: "It's like a movie trailer — you have to pick the most exciting parts without giving away the climax."

"I would say that Toronto is one of the meccas for comic book writers and artists," says Sean Menard. "There is an unbelievable amount of talent working for the majors publishers." He's a co-founder of the two-year-old Toronto Cartoonist Workshop, an art school that specializes in comic book art instruction. The school was started by Menard and his friend Walter Dickinson, a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design, and is the only art school of its kind in Canada.

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SEAN MENARD, TORONTO CARTOONIST WORKSHOP

Dickinson had always been interested in drawing comics, but couldn't find the classes he was hoping to take. So he sought out local working professionals in the comic and illustration field, and created a curriculum. Today, Kirk is just one of an impressive roster of comic industry professionals teaching classes like writing, penciling, inking, storytelling, lettering, colouring and web comics.

The school is not accredited by the Ontario government, but Menard points out that the close connection with industry insiders can provide students with both knowledge and access to potential employment that an accredited art school like OCAD just can't match. He emphasizes that there are no promises of work, but also says some students have gone on to create artwork for major publishers like Marvel and DC Comics.

And Kirk, for his part, is doing everything he can to help his students achieve that goal. "I did a cover for Supergirl once with a scene where it was raining toads, and I had a couple of toads hanging off the logo," says Kirk with a chuckle. "You can work that in there sometimes." It's the sort of awesomely nerdy insider scoop that you'd be hard pressed to find anywhere else in Canada.

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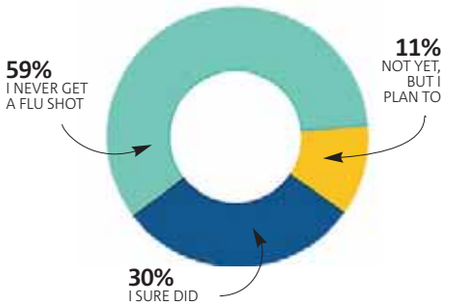

Local tweets

- **@leanaplumz:** I just realized! The Santa Claus Parade was today! That means Christmas music on the radio! And Santa at the mall! #TisTheSeasonToBeJolly
- **@JSmiilez:** Loaft sunday. Too tired to be productive and do work. Parade tired me out...
- **@christinediam:** Toronto santa claus parade. Can't see a thing. #shortpeopleproblems
- **@katieinTO:** I've never been to the Santa Claus Parade before today, but me and Santa go way back. My great grandfather used to be THE parade Santa
- **@stephdee_:** I really want a tacky xmas sweater. I'm so buying one this year. Hai, Value Village!
- **@julezfreitas:** starbucks gingerbread latte & shoppers :) xmas soooo soon
- **@jnijjar87:** My little brother calls me at work, to tell me Sidney Crosby's returning tomorrow! #welovethepenguins @pghpenguins
- **@Jordan_Bold:** Imagine if Sidney Crosby scores tomorrow? Everyone's head will blow up.

Worth mentioning

ANOTHER CANADIAN CLICHÉ PUT TO REST. A survey conducted for Environment Canada suggests not all Canadians are actually obsessed with the weather.

Only 70 per cent said they're very likely to check the forecast on a typical day and only 63 per cent said the forecast is important to them.

And while 79 per cent of Canadians thought it's important that meteorologists be right about how much it's going to snow, that was down five percentage points from 2002.

"Most Canadians ... feel that the weather information they receive provides enough information to make decisions or plans," the study says.

The survey suggests a growing number of Canadians are getting weather information off the Internet, but TV and radio remain the first and second choices for respondents, with weather-specific channels topping the list.

When it comes to warnings, most Canadians get that information from local radio, the study says.

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metro PHOTO CHALLENGE photo of the day

▶ This photo titled Stormy Lamppost, was submitted to the Imagination category by Orange and Green from Toronto.

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WEIRD NEWS

Caribou play peekaboo

A vast herd of northern caribou that scientists feared had vanished from the face of the Earth has been found, safe and sound — pretty much where aboriginal elders said it would be all along.

"The Beverly herd has not disappeared," said John Nagy, lead author of a recently published study that has biologists across the North relieved.

Those scientists were shaken by a 2009 survey on the traditional calving grounds of the Beverly herd. A herd that once numbered 276,000 animals seemed to have completely disappeared, the most dramatic and chilling example of a general decline in barren-ground caribou.

But Nagy's research — and consultation with the communities that live with the animals — concludes differently.

It turns out that the Beverly herd has simply shifted its calving grounds.

Nunavut government biologist Mitch Campbell said a survey suggests Beverly numbers remain healthy.

While scientists are excited, aboriginal elders are more likely to shrug.

Next time scientists should pay them a little more mind, Campbell said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Statler and Waldorf have their say

The Muppets' curmudgeonly critics give their opinion of the latest movie from Kermit and his crew ◗ The review might not be accurate — Statler kept his eyes closed for most of the film

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The return of The Muppets wouldn't be complete without their constant critics, those perpetual balcony fixtures Statler and Waldorf who've been hurling insults at Kermit the Frog and his gang since the beginning. The venerable old codgers weren't doing a lot of press for The Muppets, but they did agree to speak with Metro — but that didn't mean we could get a straight answer out of them.

Have you seen the new movie The Muppets yet? And if so, what do you think of it?

Statler: I loved the movie. Amy Adams is beautiful and funny. Jason Segel is hilarious. Chris Cooper makes a great bad guy. And the star cameos are amazing!

Waldorf: Yeah, but what about The Muppets?

Statler: I closed my eyes during those parts.

Waldorf: But The Muppets are in most of the movie. You kept your eyes closed for most of the movie?

Statler: Sure. That's why I liked it so much.

Is there anything special you'd like to say to our readers in Latin America?

Statler: Buenos dias! Mi casa su casa!

Waldorf: You old fool, you just invited Brazil, Colombia and Chile over to your house.

Statler: Oh… in that case, "His casa is su casa!"

Waldorf: Can I answer the question now?

Statler: Stranger things have happened.

Waldorf: Well, I just want to say to our friends in Latin America: See The Muppets. Cause there's nothing like great entertainment…

Statler: Yeah, and The Muppets are nothing like great entertainment.

What are you looking forward to in 2012?

Statler: The end of the Mayan Calendar.

Waldorf: Yeah, we were there when they first made it; we want to see how it ends.

Statler: We're also looking forward to changing our socks.

Waldorf: Gee, you're right. It's an even number year. Time sure flies...

Statler: Oh, and we're looking forward to waking up each day and not seeing our names in the obits.

Waldorf: Yeah, when you're as old as us, "Today is the first day of what's left of your life."

And finally, do you have any tips for our readers on how to celebrate the holidays this year?

Statler: Spend the holidays with The Muppets

Waldorf: Yeah! And keep 'em away from us!

S&W: Ho Ho Ho!

2 scene

Scene in brief

The Twilight Saga has staked out another huge opening with a $139.5 million in its first weekend domestically. The domestic total gives The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1, the second-best debut weekend for the franchise. Happy Feet 2 stumbled in its debut, pulling in just $22 million over opening weekend. Immortals fell to third-place with $12.3 million.
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Tony Award-winning actress Christine Ebersole cast in TBS comedy pilot Sullivan and Son.

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▶ Mike White and Laura Dern are co-creators of Enlightened, which airs Mondays on HBO Canada.

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"They're in it for a different endgame than other places and because their endgame is different, the whole process is different, the product is different and for someone like me, you couldn't ask for anything more."
MIKE WHITE ON HBO

It's ironic but the personal meltdown that accompanied the cancellation of Mike White's last series, Cracking Up, led the writer and actor to his latest acclaimed TV show.

"I had TV experiences that have been really painful in that you kill yourself and then they bury the show," said the School of Rock writer/star recently about returning to television with Enlightened.

"Sometimes the hardest part is going back to real life and try to put these idealistic notions into practice and I think that's sort of the spirit of what the show is."

Co-created with Laura Dern, the HBO series examines a woman who returns to her corporate lifestyle with a new-age lease on life after having a very public breakdown at the office.

Like many of White's more independent films (such as Chuck & Buck), the comedy has a melancholic subtlety.

"Because the character isn't an every-person, you kind of have to decide to follow her," said White.

"The cool part of TV is that you can continue to unfold a story and show a character in all of its dimensions and I think that hopefully the quality of the show will keep people coming back to it."

Enlightened has been steadily gaining fans and as White waits to hear whether the series (which airs Mondays on HBO Canada) will be renewed for another season, he remains unsure of whether another meltdown is also on the horizon.

"(I'm) facing it with a mixture of anticipation, excitement and kind of dread because it's a lot of work," laughed White.

"At the same time, there's something about this character that I relate to and in a way I think this first season is all set up ... the story of someone going up against a company and trying to change it from within can really get juicy."

Resumé

A few Mike White projects:

- **Nacho Libre:** Writer (2006)
- **School of Rock:** Writer/actor (2005)
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Raising Martha

From Family Ties to Raising Hope — Martha Plimpton decides to step into granny panties as a series regular

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Though she's popped up on a number of TV shows as a guest star — starting with Family Ties when she was 15 — film and theatre star Martha Plimpton had never taken a job as a series regular until Raising Hope debuted last year.

With raves from critics and fans alike and an Emmy nomination under her belt, it's a decision Plimpton clearly isn't regretting.

You're obviously very young to be a grandmother.

I don't think it's that unusual, actually — in this country anyway — to be a 40-year-old grandmother. It happens all the time.

So in that regard, I don't feel that we are doing anything that revolutionary or weird. But, yeah. I guess you're right. It depends on the family, you know. We've all gotten past the me as a grandma thing. That's, like, so 2010. We've moved on.

How has the show changed in its second season?

Well, in season one, we were establishing relationships with the family and who we all are and what this family's about, and in season two, we're also seeing a little bit more of their town and the people that populate this town and the world of the Chances and their friends and their coworkers. What else? We established a little bit more of the history with Virginia and her evil cousin, Delilah, played by Amy Sedaris, who is absolutely fantastic. And so we see a little bit more of Virginia's insecure, vulnerable side with that dynamic, which was nice.

MATTHIAS CLAMER/FOX

▶ Martha Plimpton

It's fun to play that stuff. Hope is bigger, of course. She's a toddler now. The girls who play Hope, Baylie and Rylie, are now almost 2, and so we're growing with them. We're adjusting our storylines and accommodating their, you know, newfound capabilities as human beings.

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Why Simpsons doesn't get old

Show's 500th episode to air in February **Metro chats with creator Matt Groening**

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Despite a contract squabble earlier this year that might have brought an end to the Simpsons, Matt Groening's animated comedy is still kicking — and will be indefinitely, he says.

But how does a comedy stay fresh after 23 seasons? And what would an end look like? Series creator Groening says he doesn't plan to be around to find out.

Do you already know how the show is going to end? Do you have the last episode in your mind?

I think everybody who works on the show has a secret final episode in mind. I had my idea, but my idea already got used up 10 years ago. However, we inadvertently, accidently might have already animated one we thought might be the final episode, and that is our Christmas episode coming up, which shows the Simpsons in the future. Surprisingly enough, things don't work out well for Bart. But it's a very sweet and touching episode as well, and there's a great scene of adult Bart and adult Lisa together talking about their family, in the tree house. They had come home for the holidays. They're up in Bart's tree house, and they're drunk, which you've never been able to do.

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▶ Creator Matt Groening poses with Simpson characters.

What's the secret to keeping a show going for more than 20 years?

I think the Simpsons is basically a forum for different kinds of comedy.

It's not any one kind of comedy. It started out I think, in a more limited way, but now we do everything.

We tried different kinds of jokes and different styles, and we parody different kinds of animation styles, and our range of references go from truly obscure literary references to the most dumb, broad comedy that you can imagine.

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Is Moore into women?

Sources say Ashton and Demi had an 'open marriage' for years

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Ashton Kutcher's alleged infidelity may have been the last straw in his marriage to Demi Moore, but sources tell Star magazine that the pair's rumoured "open marriage" had been a strain for years.

"Everyone in Hollywood knows about their arrangement, but they've managed to keep it a secret from the general public," a source claims.

"Demi is attracted to women just as much as men, so she didn't always get all she needed from Ashton. She was cool with Ashton having flirtatious relationships, too.

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▶ Back when they were a Hollywood power couple: Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

Somehow they made it work all these years. Both of them were respectful of each other. It was a lot of fun for them."

But Kutcher's pair of cheating scandals, including his reported tryst with a young woman during his and Kutcher's sixth anniversary, were apparently too much for Moore, who filed for divorce late last week.

What PR person leaked that crazy information?

Because, yeah, everyone knows so many marriages are broken up because the wife is hot, likes threesomes and is "cool" with outside arrangements.

What horror that must have been for Kutcher! How he survived, I have no idea.

Rihanna on being single

Rihanna says she's currently single — and not loving it. "I'm not dating anyone right now. I'm not dating at all," she tells Ellen DeGeneres.

"I'm not necessarily happy being single. It's not really that cool." But if she were to start dating someone, she'd need him to take charge, she admits. "You know, I can't really be the man for you. I don't want to have to be," she says.

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Kids fix the world

A class of first graders put their heads together to come up with cute fixes for a few global crises

On ending war

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We're in two wars! — Marlena

I know why they keep on fighting — because other people want more money. — Isaac

We need to say we don't want this war to happen anymore. We want it to stop. — Marlena

They would just ignore us and keep shooting the guns. I really like war. I want to be in the army. — Miles

On unemployment

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If someone didn't have a job, I would tell them that they could come and work for me. They could bake me something. — Akasha

I would give them money, so that they could buy a job. — Marlena

I'd give away my mom's or dad's job. — Lucy

People who don't have jobs can help the people who do have jobs. — Nakamae

My daddy doesn't really have a job but he takes care of me and my sister. — Nakamae

Disaster relief

If I was in a tsunami, I would get my boat. — Rowan

And you could give them money and make sure they got enough food...and sleep. — Marlena

And had the right medicines. — Ella

I would jump into the water to save people. — Rowan

Oh, that would be a bad idea! — Ma-Sadio

On Occupy Wall Street

People are marching in the park because they clean stuff a lot and they're not making enough money to get paid. — Ma-Sadio

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They want the world to change. — Marlena

My daddy says it's the bankers' fault. — Ella

I want people to stop playing in the streets, and I want cops to stop arresting people. — Marlena

I just want protesters to stop breaking stuff. — Isaac

If I was poor and people gave money to me, and they were poor again, I would give them the same amount of money back so we could all be middle class. — Marlena

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On 9/11

My mom told me that they thought America was messing up the world. — Isaac

Why did the man knock down the Twin Towers? — Jahlani

They were really mean men that wanted to knock it down. Someday we're going to celebrate the Twin Towers' birthday, and we'll talk and find out the truth. —Marlena

On world hunger

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I would buy food and I would go to every country and give them food. I would make them something — like cupcakes. — Jahlani

I'm not sure Jahlani's idea is a very good idea because some people in other countries don't eat the same kind of food as us. I would give them the food that they eat in their country. — Nakamae

Like if people didn't have enough food in China, I would call and ask the restaurant to deliver me dumplings and then I'd give them lots and lots of dumplings. — Marlena

I would just buy them all different types of food every day and then I would protect them because I would be their super butler. Like from Batman. — Miles

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Fill up on chunky chowder

This Italian-style soup may contain hearty ingredients but it is actually low in fat Complement it with green salad and a crusty whole wheat roll

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▶ This recipe serves eight.

To spice things up a bit, increase the hot pepper flakes in this Mushroom, Tomato and Corn Chowder

Variation

Garnish
Top the soup with low fat grated mozzarella or Parmesan cheese.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 1 lb (500g) sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 cups (500 mL) chopped leeks (white part only) (about 1 large)
- 1 large potato, peeled and diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each dried oregano and basil
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) hot pepper flakes
- 2 cups (500 mL) water
- 2 cups (500 mL) frozen or canned corn kernels
- 1 can (28oz/796mL) diced tomatoes
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) chopped parsley (optional)

Preparation:

1. In large saucepan heat oil over medium heat; Add mushrooms, leeks, potato, garlic, oregano, basil and hot pepper flakes; sauté for about 5 minutes. Add water and corn; bring to boil and to 1/2 tsp (2 mL).
2. Reduce heat and simmer for about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in tomatoes, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to a simmer for about 10 minutes or until hot. Stir in parsley if desired.

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1. In shallow pan or plate, combine crushed cereal, Parmesan cheese, basil and oregano. Stir in melted butter.
2. In bowl, beat egg and milk slightly. Stir in flour and salt; mix until smooth. Dip chicken in batter, then coat with cereal mixture. Place in single layer on foil or parchment lined baking sheet.
3. Bake in 180°C (350°F) oven for about 35 minutes or until no longer pink in centre. (Do not cover or turn chicken while cooking).

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Ingredients:

- 750 mL (3 cups) Rice Krispies, crushed to make 375 mL (1 1/2 cups)
- 125 mL (1/2 cup) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 mL (1/2 tsp) dried basil
- 1 mL (1/4 tsp) dried oregano leaves
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) melted butter
- 1 egg or 2 egg whites
- 75 mL (1/3 cup) 2% milk
- 75 mL (1/3 cup) flour
- 2 mL (1/2 tsp) salt
- 6 boneless skinless chicken breasts

STAYING GREEN WHILE KEEPING THINGS CLEAN

What remedies do you suggest for cleaning the toilet? ***Nancy of Winnipeg***

QUEEN OF GREEN

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You must try my green cleaning recipe, called all-purpose powder. It's very easy to make — it only takes two ingredients.

In a container, combine a 50:50 mixture of borax and washing soda. Stir and then sprinkle into toilet, scrub and rinse.

This recipe works well with a white vinegar chaser, too.

Don't add vinegar to the powder.

Instead, after scrubbing, pour about half a cup of white vinegar in the toilet.

Let it sit to disinfect and deodorize before flushing.

Add borax and washing soda to your next grocery list — they're key ingredients in most of my favourite green cleaning recipes, available at queenofgreen.ca.

Borax, or sodium borate, is a naturally occurring alkaline mineral salt.

It's effective because it disinfects, fights mould and mildew and whitens.

You can find a box, for about $7, in the laundry aisle of most grocery stores.

Most people will recognize the borax box from their grandmother's pantry.

Washing soda, or sodium carbonate, is more caustic and has a higher pH than its cousin, baking soda.

Fewer mainstream grocery chains carry washing soda, although Arm and Hammer distributes it.

If you can't find it at your local grocer in the laundry aisle, check out health food stores or organic grocers.

Borax and washing soda are found in a host of green cleaning recipes because they are versatile, affordable and eco-friendly.

But even things from nature can be harmful, so store borax and all green cleaning products safely away from children and pets.

Finished products you make should also be clearly labelled.

And don't underestimate baking soda, which on its own lifts dirt, deodorizes and whitens. You can even substitute washing soda for baking soda in this recipe.

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How do you define smart?
I'd define it in a number of ways. First of all, it's understanding history and how history shapes the present and future. Next, it's the present: knowing the world around you, physically, but also beyond your surroundings and accepting and appreciating that we live in this global world. It's also important to understand math, science and language, but also how you apply that in your daily and professional life. And then how to access information and discern the value of that information since we're bombarded by info overload.

Is the definition of 'smart' changing?
Yes. Exponentially, and at a rate faster than we've seen in our lifetime. We see our students preparing now for a life where we don't even know what their career will be, so access to this information — it's changing the way all of us have to think, learn and work.

We value 'book smarts' but now there seems to be an additional set of skills required to make it in this world.
It's a hybrid. We want to learn the classics — the past — and our current culture — the present — but we have to evolve with the changes. Books can be hard copies or digital, e-mail, social media, by phone like we're talking now, or a face-to-face meeting. I go to a lot of universities in my job and people still go to libraries! There's still a lust for knowledge.

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"First of all, some do read Moby-Dick!"

But some kids don't read Moby-Dick yet they're on Google+. Doesn't that give them the advantage in 2011?
First of all, some do read Moby-Dick! Do they have an advantage? I don't think you can compare. Think of every generation and what they faced. My parents faced WWII, a lot of us lived through the ending of the Cold War, now young people are digital natives. The common denominator is talented people rise to the occasion and lead. The difference today is that it's essential for them to have a national and international focus.

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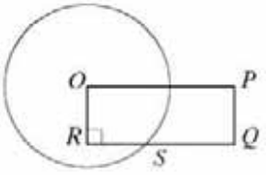
A $x^2 < x^3$
B $x^3 < x^2$
C $x^3 < x$
D $x^2 < x$
E $x^2 < x^4$

2. The figure below shows a rectangle with one of its vertices at the centre of circle O.



If rectangle OPQR has a perimeter of 22, OP = 8, and RS = 3, what is the area of the circle?
A 9π
B 18π
C 22π
D 24π
E 30π

3. Identify the error:
John Updike, like a number of modern novelists, created a serialized character, but unlike other writers, the saga of Updike's Rabbit Angstrom actually won the Pulitzer Prize for literature.
A like
B of
C other writers
D for literature
E no error

4. Fill in the blanks: Because Roberta had not ____ her company through the usual legal pathways, the Internal Revenue Service considered her firm's tax-exempt status to be a ____ matter.
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"You need discipline to get through the tough times, but if you have your health and mental ability, nothing can hinder you to go forward."

Jane was inspired by her father's entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen. Every night at dinner she and her sister Charlotte would be schooled in the world of business ownership.

"He always told us to be patient. It's easy to open a business but it's hard to maintain.

Being an entrepreneur is not for everybody. You have to know what you want and really pursue it."

As I look at Jane standing in the midst of the company she has built and nurtured, I'm reminded of the Chinese meaning of Jeanne Lottie.

As I take her photo in amongst the beauty of her creations I realize her smile says it all: true happiness.

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▶ Jane Ip, creator and designer of Jeanne Lottie handbags and accessories.

Jane's gems

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- We all have talent, we just have to make it happen.
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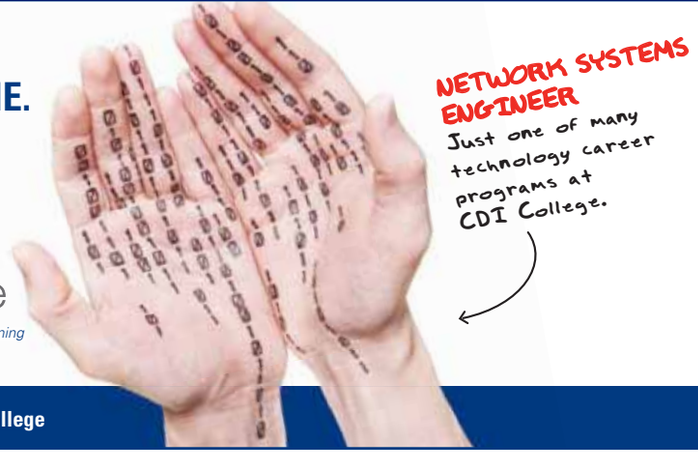

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Crosby to return vs. Isles tonight

Sid the Kid is back.

Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby will make his season debut tonight against the New York Islanders in Pittsburgh, his first game in nearly a year since being sidelined with concussion symptoms.

Crosby hasn't played since taking head shots in consecutive games in January against Washington and Tampa Bay.

The 2007 NHL MVP spent the last 10 months undergoing a painstakingly thorough rehabilitation that left him wondering when — or even if — he'd play again.

His return ends weeks of speculation that appeared to put the ever-polite Crosby on edge. He declined repeated interview requests in recent weeks as the speculation about a possible return date reached a fever pitch.

His teammates stressed there was no need for Crosby to rush, and the Penguins have been one of the league's top teams through the season's first six weeks.

Yet they understand they're not the same without Crosby.

"We know what he means to this team, this city," defenceman Kris Letang said. "He's a special player." THE CANADIAN PRESS

No rally in Raleigh

Hurricanes build 2-0 lead on home ice, hold on to defeat Leafs 3-2

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▶ The Carolina Hurricanes celebrate a goal by Jussi Jokinen yesterday.

Paul Maurice was able to breathe a little sigh of relief after the Carolina Hurricanes played their best game of the week yesterday in Raleigh, N.C.

"I'm just trying to get on the plane (for tonight's game at Philadelphia)," the beleaguered coach said with a wry smile after a 3-2 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Jeff Skinner had a goal and an assist, and Jay Harrison and Jussi Jokinen also scored as the Hurricanes broke a two-game streak of shutouts and won for only the second time in nine games.

They found their offence against Toronto, with captain Eric Staal contributing a pair of assists. Cam Ward had 23 saves for Carolina, which peppered Leafs goalie Ben Scrivens with 41 shots.

"This is big," Staal said. "No one likes the situation we're in and no one likes to lose. It was nice to have the same type of effort we had against Buffalo (in Friday's 1-0 loss), and we were rewarded with some goals."

Phil Kessel scored both goals for the Leafs, giving him an NHL-leading 16 goals and 29 points this season.

Carolina has won 12 of the last 17 meetings with Toronto.

"We scored with plenty of time left," Leafs coach Ron Wilson said. "We had our chances but couldn't find a way to finish."

Carolina led 1-0 after the first period after outshooting the Leafs 10-4, then 2-0 after tying its season high with 19 shots in the second.

"We knew we played a good, solid game the way we wanted to but you have to have something good come from that," said Maurice. "Everybody was understanding and playing the same game." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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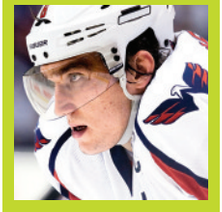

"Right now nobody can score and it's just frustrating that when we have the opportunity to shoot, we're squeezing the sticks too hard."

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Bombers' run game ignites in East final

Win over Hamilton puts Winnipeg in position to end 20-year title drought in next weekend's Grey Cup game

Chris Garrett says he's dreamed of winning the Grey Cup and being named most valuable player.

Now the Blue Bombers running back has a chance to accomplish that after rushing 29 times for 190 yards and one touchdown as Winnipeg defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 19-3 in Sunday's CFL East Division Final yesterday.

Winnipeg advances to the 99th Grey Cup in Vancouver on Nov. 27 against the B.C. Lions.

"It's getting closer and closer to being true," Garrett said of the dream where he scores a pair of touchdowns. "But there's some work to be done to get to that stage. I'm just ready to work so I can get there."

The second-year tailback got the Bombers' starting job after Fred Reid and backup Carl Volny suffered season-ending knee injuries in late September.

"I just got an opportunity and I'm just playing the way I know how to play," said Garrett of taking over the starting job. "I've been doing this at every level."

Winnipegs' last Grey Cup win was in 1990, a 50-11 victory over Edmonton in Vancouver.

The Bombers have played in the championship game four times since that last win, losing in 2007, 2001, 1993 and '92.

Defensive lineman Jason Vega scored Winnipeg's other touchdown as a receiver and Justin Palardy booted field goals from 22 and 37 yards.

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Lions win West

The B.C. Lions will get a chance to win the Grey Cup at home.

An interception by defensive back Korey Banks helped the Lions score two touchdowns in 2:26 of the second quarter as B.C. rolled over the Edmonton Eskimos 40-23 in the CFL West Final yesterday.

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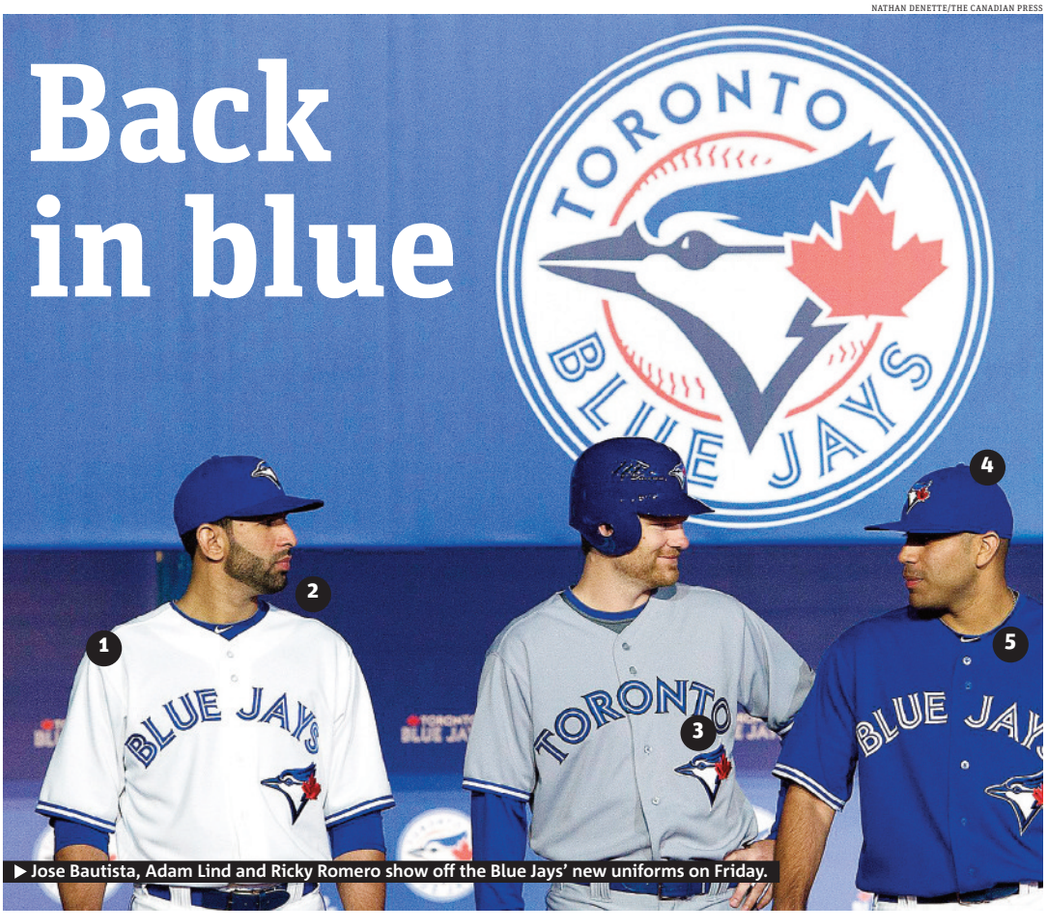

▶ Jose Bautista, Adam Lind and Ricky Romero show off the Blue Jays' new uniforms on Friday.

It's not often that on a cold afternoon in November, a crowd eagerly awaits as Toronto Blue Jays players emerge from the home dugout to cheers. But they weren't baseball players on Friday, they were models.

One by one, some of the most popular players stepped into the spotlight of the dimly lit Rogers Centre to show off the new Blue Jays logo and uniforms.

"We feel that the new uniforms are going to represent what the fans want and what the players wanted," said Toronto Blue Jays president Paul Beeston.

Giving a players a say in the design was a no-brainer, Beeston added.

"They came out perfectly, I couldn't have designed them better myself," said Jose Bautista, the first of the players to give their take on the uniforms.

"We all had input, and it was very nice of them to do that."

"They just asked for ideas," said J.P. Arencibia. "The colours, the piping, everything that goes into the uniform, and we just said 'yes, no' to certain things.

Echoed in all the players' comments was their excitement for the new look.

"I think it's really special," said Canadian third-baseman Brett Lawrie.

"It's just getting back to old-school, but with new-school too."

"We know the history here," added Arencibia. "Now we want to make these uniforms historic."

▶ Roberto Alomar sports a home uniform in 1992.

1: The look

The home Blue Jays uniform starts with a full button white jersey and white pants with the arched 'BLUE JAYS' split-lettering font in blue and white across the chest. The secondary logo bird head, the same one featured on the caps, sits underneath the name on the player's left chest. The road jerseys features grey jerseys and pants with the arched 'TORONTO' split letter font.

▶ The back of the new home jersey.

2: On the back

The player's number on the back features the same split letter font while the name appears in the standard solid blue font. It differs from previous split-style fonts made famous by the club in the past as this version is the first to include serifs. The sleeves have a blue-white-blue trim along the bottom that matches the outside stripes on each leg of both the white and grey pants.

3: The patch

The Blue Jays are the first Major League Baseball team to use a "Puff Patch" designed by Majestic Athletic for their new logo. It is engineered to lift the logo off the polyester jersey, giving it added dimension, so that the graphic appears more realistic.

4: Caps

The solid blue cap will be worn with all home, road and alternate uniforms. It features a partial version of the primary logo with only the blue jay head with the maple leaf. Unlike the caps of 1977-1996, the baseball is not part of cap logo. The logo is noticeably larger on the cap than in previous years.

5: Alternate

The Blue Jays have one alternate uniform that can be worn with either the home white or road grey pants. The royal blue matches the colour featured on the caps. Common to all the jerseys, it features a blue belt and blue shoes to give a strong finish to the overall colour scheme.

Bills stuck in downward spiral

Buffalo reeling after losing streak reaches three games with 35-8 drubbing at hands of Miami

A gimpy Fred Jackson said he'll be fine. As for the rest of the Buffalo Bills, the outlook is more bleak.

Jackson sat out much of the second half with a bruised right calf, and the injury-plagued Bills continued their downward spiral by losing to the Miami Dolphins 35-8 yesterday.

Interceptions on passes that deflected off receivers led to two Miami touchdowns. The Bills fumbled four times, and while they recovered them all, they went 0 for 14 on third- and fourth-down conversions — a rate of futility that left coach Chan Gailey shaking his head.

"I don't know if I've ever been through that before, ever," Gailey said. "When you're that bad, you're having a pitiful day."

The Bills (5-5) have dropped three in a row.

"We're baffled as to what has happened," quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick said. "For the past three weeks, it has not been fun to play, and I'm sure it has not been fun to watch."

Along with bruised pride, the injuries mounted. Cornerback Terrence McGee (left knee) was carted off the field in the second period and is probably out for the season, Gailey said. Receiver Donald Jones (left ankle) was also carted away in the second quarter and might be out three to six weeks, Gailey said.

Jackson aggravated a calf injury, but X-rays were negative. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Bills have been outscored by 80 points (106-26) in three-straight losses.

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▶ Bills quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick is sacked by the Dolphins' Jared Odrick in Miami yesterday.

Around the NFL

Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes and the Green Bay Packers survived a scare from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in a 35-26 victory yesterday. The Packers ran their record to 10-0, leaving them as the NFL's lone undefeated team going into a Thanksgiving Day matchup at Detroit. Here's some other results from yesterday.

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Jays' Bautista hopes to hear good MVP news

'He's by far for me the MVP,' GM Anthopoulos says of Toronto slugger

Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista was under a lot of pressure after signing a long-term contract extension and becoming the face of the franchise after his breakout 2010 campaign.

He responded with one of the best individual seasons in team history. Today, he just might be rewarded for his efforts.

Bautista is a contender for the American League MVP award after hitting .302 with 43 home runs, 103 RBIs and a .447 on-base percentage.

"He's as good as it gets," Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos said in a recent interview. "I'm certainly hopeful for him and he certainly deserves it."

There is no clear favourite for the AL honour this year.

Jacoby Ellsbury and Adrian Gonzalez of the Boston Red Sox are in the mix along with New York's Curtis Granderson. Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers could also be a factor.

The results of the Baseball Writers' Association of America vote will be announced at 2 p.m. ET today.

"I realize that I had a good year on the individual side," Bautista said. "But I do realize that there are other guys around the league who had great years as well.

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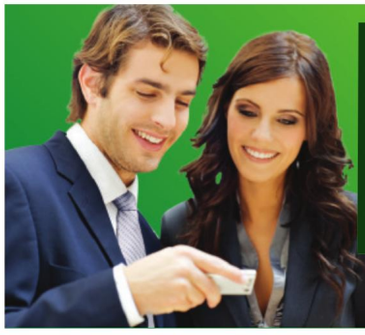

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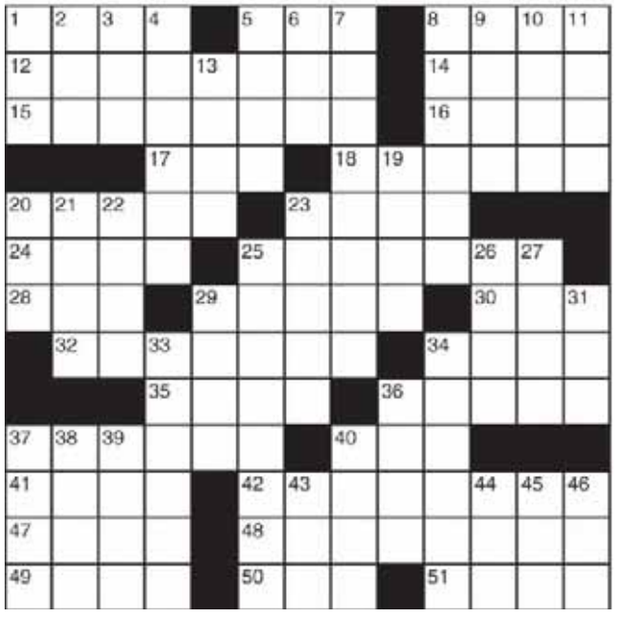

Across

1 Heights (Abbr.)
5 Madam's counterpart
8 Droops
12 Trust
14 Hint
15 Bribe
16 Unusual
17 Small barrel
18 The hot wings caused his downfall
20 Maximum
23 Winter precip
24 First man
25 Table tennis tools
28 Ottoman ruler
29 Indeed
30 Existed
32 VIP
34 Lima's land
35 Humor writer Bombeck
36 High nest
37 Deli meat
40 Have debts
41 Advertisement
42 Close associate
47 Top-notch
48 DNA, on "CSI"
49 Burn somewhat
50 Upper House member (Abbr.)
51 TV host Carson

Down

1 Noah's boat
2 Island memento
3 Pampering, for short
4 Himalayan region
5 Unforeseen problem
6 Former transp. agency
7 Arouse anew
8 Write sloppily
9 Winged
10 Mentor
11 Gets a glimpse of
13 Aid and —
19 Buffalo Bill's last name
20 Science workroom
21 Mid-month date
22 "Hold the —"
23 Finnish bath
25 Vows
26 Basin accessory
27 Hindu wrap
29 Expression
31 Take to court
33 Scanty
34 Cheated at hide-and-seek
36 Dumbstruck
37 Health resorts
38 Lotion additive
39 Moon goddess
40 Valhalla bigwig
43 "— Got a Secret"
44 — moment
45 M divided by IV
46 Indispensable

▶ Thursday's answer

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	5	6					3	
1					7		4	
3			2		6	5		
	1			7		8		9
8		7		4			6	
		2	1		9			8
	3		8					6
	4					2	1	

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Thursday's answer ▶

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4	9	8	3	5	6	7	2	1
7	6	3	2	1	9	4	5	8
6	3	2	5	4	8	9	1	7
9	7	5	6	3	1	2	8	4
1	8	4	9	7	2	3	6	5
2	4	7	1	6	5	8	9	3
8	5	6	4	9	3	1	7	2
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may have to be ruthless with someone you have dealings with today, especially if they have been wasting your time on trivialities.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You can make yourself happy or you can make yourself sad – it takes the same effort.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What the planets are trying to tell you is that you have been pushing yourself too hard. Ease up.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Set your own targets and make your own rules. All things are possible now.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Sit down with loved ones and discuss what has gone wrong – and what needs to be done to bring back the good times.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 No matter how many misunderstandings there may have been in recent weeks the approaching solar eclipse will make getting through to other people very easy indeed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Less is more, for now.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 A little bit of optimism will go a long way over the coming week

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You cannot be bothered with trivialities. It's the big questions that excite you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Beneath the surface people everywhere are pretty much the same, so reach out and make contact

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You will be under a lot of pressure today, but there is no doubt at all that you can handle it, so don't panic

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